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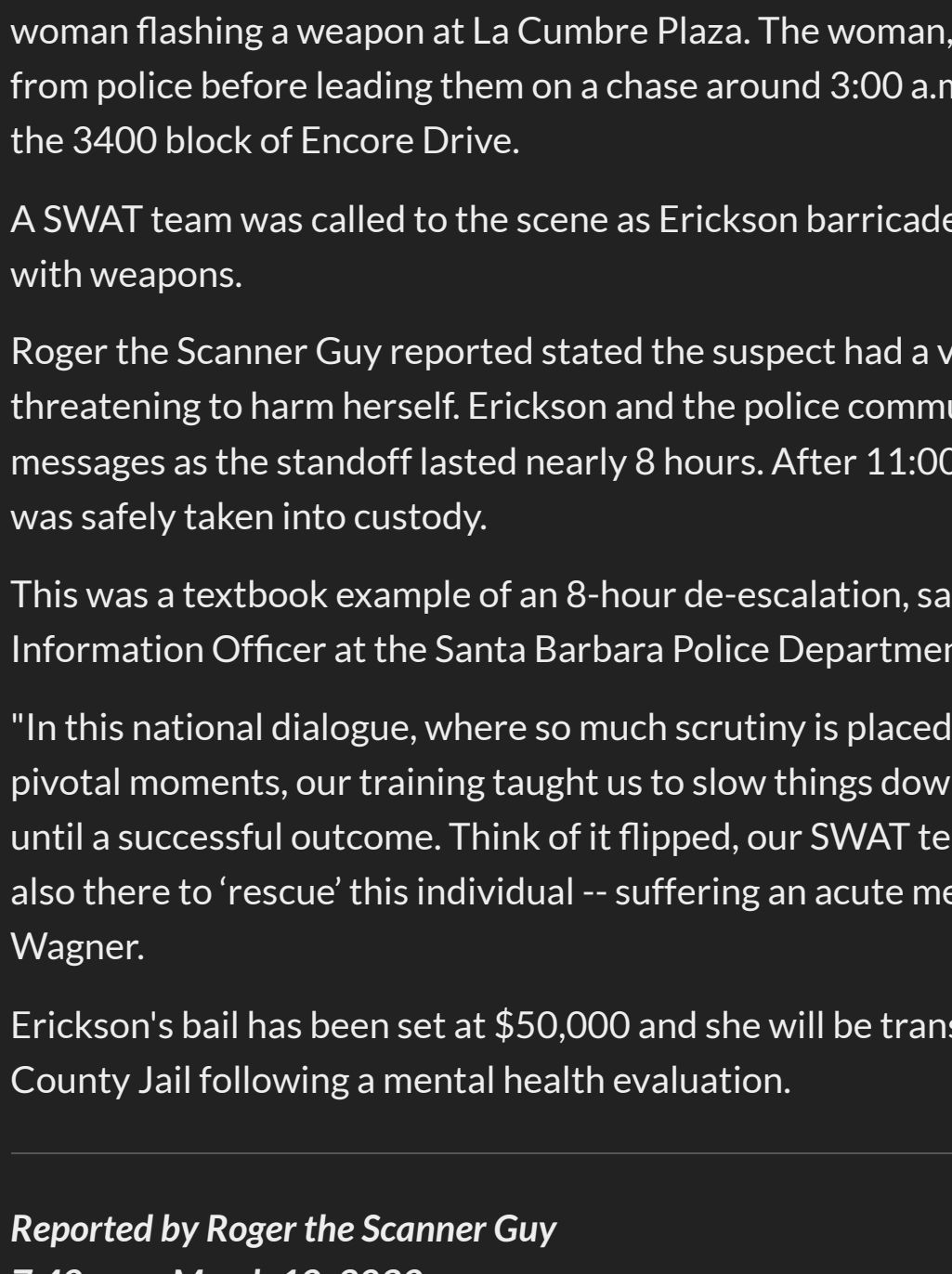
Update by edhat staff
2:00 p.m., March 10, 2020

A Santa Barbara woman has been arrested following the standoff on Encore Drive Tuesday morning.

Santa Barbara Police have confirmed that Heather Ann Erickson, 48, was arrested for felony assault of a police officer and a misdemeanor of resisting arrest.



Heather Erickson (Photo: SBPD)

The incident began Monday evening when a Santa Barbara Police received reports of a woman flashing a weapon at La Cumbre Plaza. The woman, suspected to be Erickson, hid from police before leading them on a chase around 3:00 a.m. that ended at her home in the 3400 block of Encore Drive.

A SWAT team was called to the scene as Erickson barricaded herself inside her vehicle with weapons.

Roger the Scanner Guy reported stated the suspect had a very large knife and was threatening to harm herself. Erickson and the police communicated through written messages as the standoff lasted nearly 8 hours. After 11:00 a.m. she surrendered and was safely taken into custody.

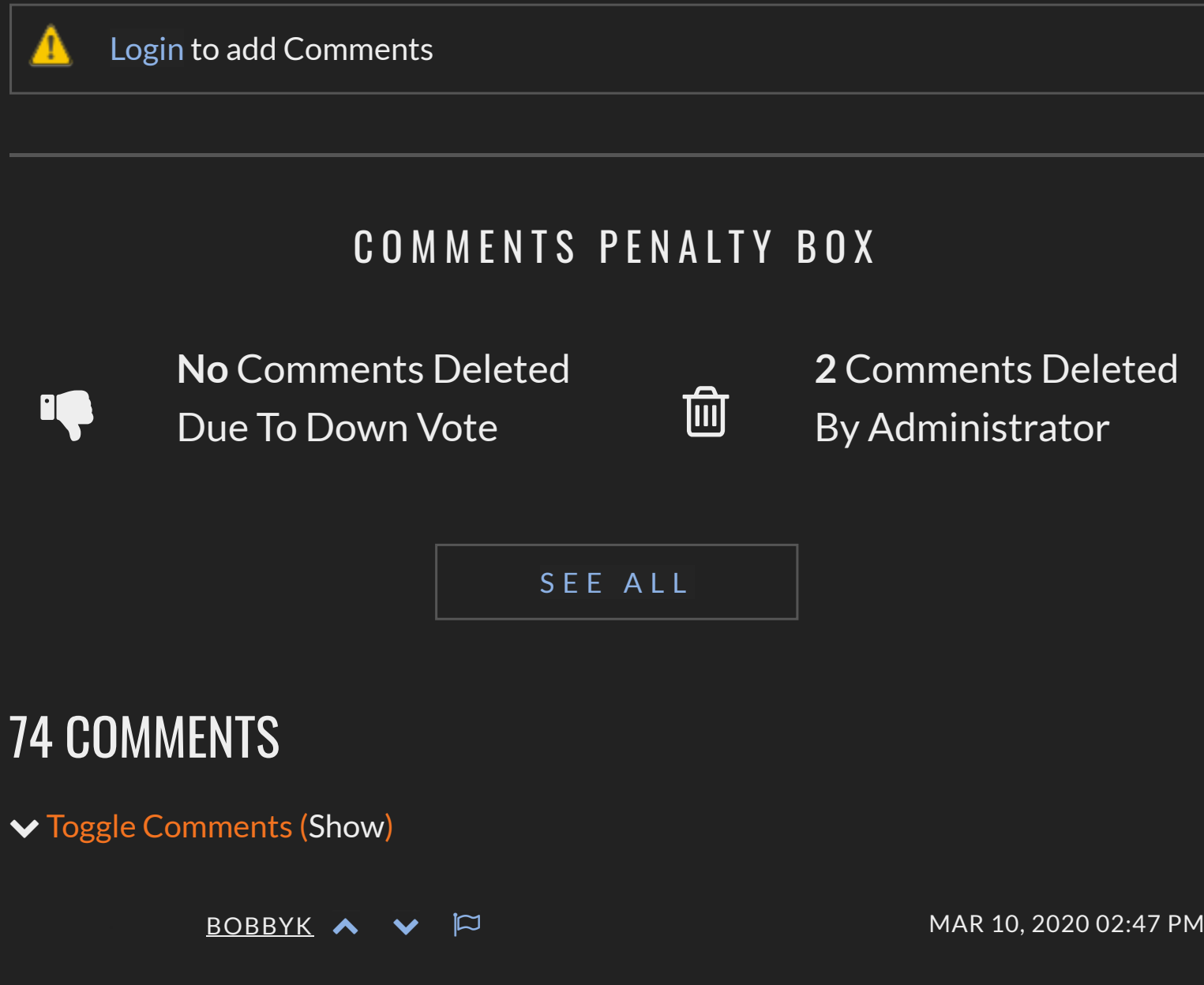
This was a textbook example of an 8-hour de-escalation, said Anthony Wagner, Public Information Officer at the Santa Barbara Police Department.

"In this national dialogue, where so much scrutiny is placed how officers respond at pivotal moments, our training taught us to slow things down to moment by moment – until a successful outcome. Think of it flipped, our SWAT team and all the apparatus was also there to 'rescue' this individual -- suffering an acute mental health challenge," said Wagner.

Erickson's bail has been set at $50,000 and she will be transported to Santa Barbara County Jail following a mental health evaluation.

Reported by Roger the Scanner Guy
7:40 a.m., March 10, 2020

Stand off in the 4200 block of Encore Drive. This involves a call I heard last night in the 3900 Block of State Street with a suspect brandishing a machete during a domestic disturbance.



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BOBBYK MAR 10, 2020 02:47 PM

It always feels like it works at first.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 11:07 AM

All's Well that Ends Well...Roger out.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 11:05 AM

Sounds like she gave up..Calls crossed.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 11:04 AM

Sounds code 4..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 01:13 PM

I had someone watching out for me.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 11:07 AM

You were lucky and you know it now. She is lucky and one day, I hope, she will know it also. They saved her life rather than helping her take her life and that is what heroes do.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 11:02 AM

Officer is OK with her hands visible..She may be coming out.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 11:01 AM

The suspect has been advised of the Surrender plan and does not want to come out with her hands up..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:58 AM

She says there are no other weapons.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:57 AM

She threw the pepper spray out and rolled the window back up..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:56 AM

Have her exit out the door and listen to commands from the officers..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:55 AM

She is agreeing to throw the weapons out of the window,,

A-1583939370 MAR 10, 2020 10:42 AM

Drove by the situation on Modoc. I really hope it ends peacefully! She obviously needs help and from the response it looks like everybody is trying to help her. I hope she lets them.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:31 AM

Cleared the trailer..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:19 AM

She is on her phone yelling at someone..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:17 AM

She has put the knife down.

DEENA2UD MAR 10, 2020 10:20 AM

She also had the machete to her throat. She is now back on her cell phone talking to someone.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:13 AM

She is possibly getting ready to cut herself..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:12 AM

They are going to attempt a rescue if she cuts herself she is grazing herself with the knife.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:11 AM

Holding a knife to her throat.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:10 AM

She has a knife up to her own neck.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:10 AM

They are trying to get her to place the machete in the back of the car, Knife is up to her neck..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:09 AM

Possibly arming herself for confrontation.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:08 AM

She put her seat belt on and has the machete in her hand.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:52 AM

Will that is not Illegal.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:51 AM

The police wrote her a note attempting written communication and she flipped them the Bird.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:45 AM

Now she wrote that "She had not done anything."

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 09:46 AM

Heavily armed, living in car, likely very scared, very often. Probably reacted inappropriately to an inappropriate act, that we know nothing of.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:41 AM

The Gal just wrote in white paint on her Wind Shield "I will never Give Up."

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:04 AM

She is displaying the machete in her hand...

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 09:26 AM

The last person who threatened police with a knife did not fare to well.

OOPS MAR 10, 2020 09:25 AM

we don't need another unnecessary killing by police like they did in Hope Ranch.....

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 12:08 PM

CHIP: You opinions have been acknowledged, verbatim tone and all. All these people listed below face much more dangerous occupations and cry much less about it, if at all. (Logging workers, Fishers and related Fishing Workers, Aircraft Pilots and Flight Engineers, Roofers, Refuse and Recyclable Materials Collectors, Driver/sales Workers and Truck Drivers, Farmers, Ranchers, and other Agricultural Workers, Steel Workers, Excavators.) Using the fear of death as an excuse for what a "court" may later determine to be an unlawful action is exactly what my previous post was about. Please reread it. The concept of responsibility is exhibited in only one of my examples.

CHIP OF SB MAR 10, 2020 11:22 AM

EMINENCE: The number of rounds is totally appropriate. Guns do not work as they are depicted in movies. Multiple shots are often required to achieve one hit, especially when firing under the stress of being attacked. In addition, multiple hits are often required to stop an attacker. The situation required each deputy to react by rapidly firing multiple rounds in order to ensure the suspect, who had just stabbed his mother to death, was not able to harm them. The deputies had to go into an extremely dangerous situation knowing the suspect was likely armed and dangerous. They acted appropriately and professionally under extremely challenging circumstances. They certainly didn't want to shoot the suspect, they had no choice. The deputies were faced with an ugly situation and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their service.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 10:40 AM

10:15. Thank you for your reply. I agree with your non lethal statement wholeheartedly. Police are trained that lawyers will protect them and their loved ones in case there is an "accident". Military is trained that the local villagers may unite and shell their barracks while they sleep, in the case of an "accident". Compare courtmartials to police misconduct convictions for wrongful deaths. You will find one to be much more serious than the other.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 10:39 AM

Non lethal does not always work especially in this woman's state or on drug or alcohol users I know I have been bought down by the police before I have been on the negative side of the coin. People that know me know this to be true.

A-1583939370 MAR 10, 2020 10:15 AM

@EMINENCE more likely just training kicking in. I wish we would train to disable and NOT to kill, but I understand the argument for it.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 10:07 AM

CHIP: That guy was shot more than 20 times. That is either panic or execution. Please do not obfuscate the situation with claims of self defense.

CHIP OF SB MAR 10, 2020 09:51 AM

OOPS, you must be referring to the young man in Hope Ranch who had just brutally stabbed his mother to death. He was hiding on the property in the dark. What do you think the deputies ought to have done? Their response was entirely appropriate. Given the circumstances, the deputies had no choice because the suspect left them with no choice. I think a lot of people do not understand just how dangerous a knife attack can be. In close proximity, a knife can be faster and more lethal than a gun. Even from an initial distance of 20-30 feet, a knife can be faster than a gun. The limited time to react to a knife attack requires a rapid and decisive response. Here is a classic video demonstration of just how quick and deadly a knife attack can be. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y49rv3QBtkk

OOPS MAR 10, 2020 09:50 AM

no, of course not Roger. There are other non lethal ways

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:37 AM

I was commenting to OOPS..

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 10, 2020 09:33 AM

Hard to say. I wouldn't want to take a life cause I was panicked , scared and under-trained. Might be conscience, I don't know.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:30 AM

I suppose if someone was coming at you with a knife you would just stand there and let them stab you...

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:24 AM

They are going to pinch the passenger side of the vehicle with a black and white unit.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:22 AM

I hope she just gives up..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:19 AM

She is holding the machete in her left hand..

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:36 AM

Good your Mom is safe..I hope this Gal gives up I don't want her to get shot they are not going to wait for her too much longer they will just take her and it will no longer be her choice and believe me she would be better off giving up on her own..

DEENA2UD MAR 10, 2020 09:22 AM

My mom is watching from her window. SWAT is pointing their weapons at her... voluntary evacuation of neighbors only, not mandatory.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:16 AM

She is possibly in possession of 3 knives.

ROGER MAR 10, 2020 09:15 AM

She is writing "No more Abuse"{ on the front window...

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Coachella will now take place on October 9, 10 and 11 and October 16, 17 and 18, 2020. Stagecoach will take place on October 23, 24 and 25, 2020. All purchases for the April dates will be honored for the rescheduled October dates. Purchasers will be notified by Friday, March 13 on how to obtain a refund if they are unable to attend.
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